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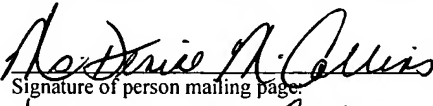
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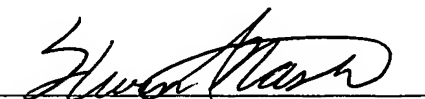
German Publication DE 4009012, which is not in the English language, was cited by an Examiner on PTO Form 892 during prosecution of commonly assigned Patent No. 6,609,321. According to an Office Action in that application, DE 4009012 shows a cover plate as part of the stock of a barrel.

It is requested that the Examiner review the references listed on the accompanying Form 1449, and make them of record in the present application as required by M.P.E.P. § 609. It is further requested that the Examiner initial the enclosed duplicate substitute Form 1449, and return one copy to the Applicants' undersigned representative with the next communication.

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